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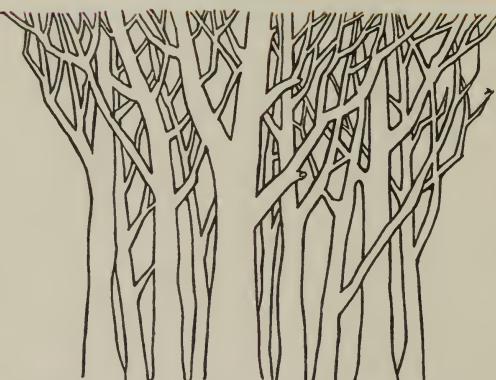
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Report of the Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1908.

At the annual meeting and election of officers held March 2, 1908, the following action was taken on the articles contained in the warrant :

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Chose Alpheus Thomas moderator by ballot, and he was duly sworn by the clerk.

Article 2. The Town Clerk then delivered the ballots and everything pertaining to the election to the Moderator and Clifton S. Deane, Charles Scully, Amos H. Tilden, Walter C. Barnard, Jeremiah H. Lehan and Charles W. Thomas, having been appointed election officers by the Selectmen, were sworn as such by the Town Clerk. The ballot box was examined and found to be empty and the register set at 0. The polls were declared open at 7.12 a. m. and were closed at 11.17 a. m. The number of names checked on the voting list and the number of ballots cast was 191, one of these being a partial ballot for school committee. The ballot box registered 191. On being canvassed and counted in open meeting the ballots were found to be for the following persons .

TOWN CLERK For One Year

Joseph F. Merritt
Blanks

176
14

SELECTMAN For Three Years

Alpheus Thomas	143
L. Frank Hammond	1
Blanks	46

SELECTMAN For Two Years

Ezra E. Stetson	148
Blanks	42

SELECTMAN For One Year

Elliott W. Crowell	23
William D. Turner	83
John Whalen	71
Blanks	13

ASSESSOR For Three Years

Alpheus Thomas	140
Blanks	50

ASSESSOR For Two Years

Ezra E. Stetson	141
Blanks	49

ASSESSOR For One Year

Elliott W. Crowell	21
William D. Turner	81
John Whalen	66
Blanks	22

OVERSEER OF THE POOR For Three Years

Alpheus Thomas	139
Blanks	51

OVERSEER OF THE POOR For Two Years

Ezra E. Stetson	144
Blanks	46

OVERSEER OF THE POOR For One Year

Elliott W. Crowell	21
William D. Turner	81
John Whalen	66
Blanks	22

TOWN TREASURER For One Year

Horace T. Fogg	161
Blanks	29

AUDITOR For One Year

Frank W. Jones	160
Blanks	30

COLLECTOR OF TAXES For One Year

Andrew J. Litchfield	174
Blanks	16

SCHOOL COMMITTEE For Three Years

Mary E. Curtis	140
Blanks	51

BOARD OF HEALTH For Three Years

Frederick H. Kidder	131
Blanks	59

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS For One Year

Joseph Briggs	128
Francis E. Henderson	101
Edward A. Jacobs	87
Emanuel P. Joseph	144
George A. Jackman	1

CONSTABLES For One Year

Atwood Ainslie	93
Joshua Warren Foster	154
L. Frank Hammond	133
George A. Jackman	17
Walter T. Osborn	104
Frank M. Vining	118
Jesse M. Winslow	109
Archie E. Fish	1
Edward Winslow	1

TREE WARDEN For One Year

John H. Sparrell	149
Blanks	41

Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of In-
toxicating Liquors in this town ?

Yes	55
No	103
Blanks	32

The officers elected were :

Town Clerk, Joseph F. Merritt.

Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years, Alpheus Thomas.

Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for two years, Ezra E. Stetson.

Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for one year, William D. Turner.

Treasurer, Horace T. Fogg.

Auditor, Frank W. Jones.

Collector of Taxes, Andrew J. Litchfield.

School Committee for three years, Mary E. Curtis.

Board of Health for three years, Frederick H. Kidder.

Surveyors of Highways, Joseph Briggs, Francis E. Henderson, Emanuel P. Joseph.

Constables, Joshua Warren Foster, L. Frank Hammond, Walter T. Osborn, Frank M. Vining, Jesse M. Winslow.

Tree Warden, John H. Sparrell.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Voted to accept the reports of these officers.

It was voted that the appropriations be made all together and that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to retire and bring in estimates of the amounts needed. The Moderator appointed Horace T. Fogg, Ezra E. Stetson and John H. Prouty. The committee recommended the following appropriations :

Support of Poor	\$2,000 00
Incidentals	500 00
Support of schools	6,500 00
Removing snow, street railway ex-	
cise tax and	200 00
Highways	2,500 00

Memorial day	\$100 00
State aid	2,000 00
Soldiers' relief	300 00
Town officers	1,300 00
Washington Street Cemetery	50 00
Tree warden	50 00
Board of Health	50 00
School physician	50 00
Town note	1,000 00
Squares and triangles	75 00
Abatement of taxes	150 00
County tax	1,300 00
State tax	1,250 00

It was voted that the report of this committee be accepted and that the above amounts, making a total of \$19,375, be appropriated.

Article 4. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidentals.

Included in vote on general appropriations.

Article 5. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Included in vote on general appropriations.

Article 6. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Included in vote on general appropriations.

Article 7. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Voted that twenty-five cents per hour be paid for removing snow. The appropriation was included in the vote on general appropriations.

Article 8. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Voted that a discount of two per cent. be allowed on taxes paid on or before October 1st; that on all taxes not paid December 1st, interest be charged at the rate of six per cent.; after April 1st, 1909, the collector shall issue summons and proceed to collect all unpaid taxes, and that the money shall be paid to the treasurer or a deposit made by the collector for all unpaid taxes on or before July 1, 1909.

Voted that the collector have the same powers in the collection of taxes that he would have if he were also town treasurer.

Voted that the collector publish in the next annual report the names of all persons, together with the amount of tax, whose taxes of the assessment of 1907 remain unpaid December 31, 1908.

Article 9. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen?

Voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to revise the jury list. The Moderator appointed as this committee Jeremiah H. Lehan, Alfred B. Litchfield and Ernest H. Sparrell. The committee brought in the following list of names and it was voted to accept its report.

LIST OF JURORS

Henry C. Ford
Amos H. Tilden
Joseph Briggs
Theophilus Appleford
Asa W. Robinson
George H. Tisdale
William O. Prouty
Alpheus Damon
Frederick H. Kidder

Robert C. Henderson
Carleton O. Litchfield
James L. Litchfield
Arnold V. Beach
Harrison Wilder
Alonzo B. Whiting
Fred A. Stoddard
Frank Vining
Frank E. Studley

Charles Tolman
 John H. Prouty
 Charles D. Barnard
 Clarence C. Hook
 Alfred B. Litchfield

John Whalen
 Lebbeus Leach
 Wilfred L. Chamberlin
 John H. Sparrell

Article 10. Will the town authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

It was voted by a majority of the legal voters present and voting, that the treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the present municipal year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor payable within twelve months from the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 11. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

No reports were received at this time.

Article 12. To make allowance to town creditors.

Voted that the bill of George H. Vinal for \$28 on account of Alvin D. Vinal be allowed and paid.

Article 13. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day?

Included in vote on general appropriations.

Article 14. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of state and military aid?

Included in the vote on general appropriations.

Article 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the superintendent of schools?

No action taken as the amount was included in general school appropriation.

Article 16. What sum of money will the town raise for the repairs of school houses and incidentals?

No action taken as general school appropriation is to cover repairs and incidentals.

Article 17. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Voted that a statement be printed.

Article 18. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street?

Included in vote on general appropriations.

Voted that the money appropriated for this purpose be expended under the direction of the cemetery committee.

Article 19. Will the town cause a new valuation to be taken in 1908?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 20. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Voted to pay twenty-five cents per hour for men, sixty-two and one-half cents an hour for man and two horses.

Voted that eight hours constitute a day's work.

Article 21. What price will the town pay for work at fires, the ensuing year?

Voted to pay thirty-five cents per hour for fighting fire either day or night.

Article 22. Will the town appropriate a sum of money for the Sealer of Weights and Measures ?

Voted to appropriate \$108 for purchase of necessary outfit for sealer of weights and measurers. The committee to be the selectmen.

Article 23. Will the town instruct the Surveyors to locate the stone crusher in the center of the town ?

Voted to leave the matter with the highway surveyors to put it where they think proper.

Article 24. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to be expended in caring for the sidewalks and grounds around the Soldiers' Monument, the care of Gaffield Park and the several triangles and grass plots in different parts of the town ?

Included in vote on general appropriations.

Voted that the appropriation be spent under the direction of the town clerk.

Article 25. Will the town appropriate a sum of money for the employment of a school physician ?

Included in vote on general appropriations.

Article 26. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair ?

Voted to refer to the highway surveyors.

Article 27. Will the town give any instructions to the town officers ?

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to call a caucus about two weeks before the next annual meeting.

Voted that the town clerk keep a record of all bodies brought into town for burial and that the names be published in the next annual report with the records of deaths.

Voted to instruct the school committee to see that the scholars in District No. 1 be transported to the Union Memorial services this year.

Voted that the constables enforce the law against gambling the ensuing year and that the town clerk send a copy of this vote to those who have not already taken the oath of office.

Voted that the selectmen investigate the charge made in their office last November and find out if the gentleman making it can substantiate his claim.

Article 28. (Repetition of a former article.)

Article 29. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Voted that the constables act as field drivers.

Voted that the selectmen serve as fence viewers.

Voted that the cemetery committee consist of George W. Curtis, Joseph H. Curtis and Alpheus Thomas.

Voted that the town raise by taxation a sum not less than \$14,000 nor more than \$16,000.

Voted that the money to be raised be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and on the estates of non-residents.

Voted that the selectmen pay no money to delinquent taxpayers.

Voted that the salary of the town treasurer be \$150; tax collector, \$225; highway surveyors, \$2.50 per day; secretary of school committee \$50; other members not over \$25 each.

Voted that the Moderator be paid \$5 for services this day.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION

Pursuant to a warrant duly executed the qualified voters of the town of Norwell met at the Town Hall, Tuesday Nov. 3, 1908. Alpheus Thomas, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was presiding officer. Ezra E. Stetson, William D. Turner, John Whalen, Charles Scully, Charles W. Thomas and Amos H. Tilden having been appointed election officers and ballot clerks were duly sworn as such by the town clerk. The polls were opened at 6 a. m. and closed at 1 p. m. Two hundred and twenty-eight ballots were cast, the check list and ballot box register showing a like number. On being canvassed and counted in open meeting they were found to be for the following persons and the result was declared :

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Bryan and Kern, Democratic	40
Chafin and Watkins, Prohibition	1
Debs and Hanford, Socialist	0
Gillhaus and Munro, Socialist Labor	0
Hisgen and Graves, Independence League	10
Taft and Sherman, Republican	164
Blanks	13

GOVERNOR

James F. Carey, Socialist	0
Eben S. Draper, Republican	141
Walter J. Hoar, Socialist Labor	0
William N. Osgood, Independence League	8
James H. Vahey, Democratic	57
Willard O. Wylie, Prohibition	3
Blanks	19

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Charles J. Barton, Democratic	45
Joao Claudino, Socialist Labor	0
Louis A. Frothingham, Republican	152
John Hall, Jr., Socialist	1
Robert J. McCartney, Independence League	7
Frank N. Rand, Prohibition	2
Blanks	21

SECRETARY

James F. Aylward, Democratic	34
Herbert B. Griffin, Prohibition	3
George Nelson, Socialist Labor	0
William M. Olin, Republican	159
Squire E. Putney, Socialist	0
John F. Williams, Independence League	5
Blanks	27

TREASURER

Charles E. Butterworth, Independence League	7
Arthur B. Chapin, Republican	152
Henry C. Hess, Socialist Labor	0
Charles C. Hitchcock, Socialist	0
Edward Kendall, Prohibition	4
Erwin H. Kennedy, Democratic	35
Blanks	30

AUDITOR

Frank Bohmbach, Socialist Labor	0
John E. Dempsey, Independence League	8

George G. Hall, Socialist	0
Wilbur D. Moon, Prohibition	3
Henry E. Turner, Republican	153
Simeon Viger, Democratic	32
Blanks	32

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Henry M. Dean, Prohibition	2
Elliot C. Harding, Socialist Labor	2
Dana Malone, Republican	146
John McCarthy, Socialist	1
Richard J. Talbot, Independence League	7
John Alden Thayer, Democratic	36
Blanks	34

CONGRESSMAN (Fourteenth District)

George J. Alcott, Socialist	1
Charles B. Drew, Independence League	12
William C. Lovering, Republican	147
Eliot L. Packard, Democratic	46
Blanks	22

COUNCILLOR (First District)

George A. Beedem, Socialist	0
Charles O. Brightman, Republican	146
Edward J. Cantwell, Independence League	7
George L. Oliveir, Democratic	41
Blanks	34

SENATOR, (First Plymouth District)

Thomas H. Dunn, Socialist	0
Orion L. Griswold, Prohibition	2
Melvin S. Nash, Republican	171
Benjamin F. Peterson, Democratic	31
Elmer L. Smith, Independence League	6
Blanks	18

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
(Second Plymouth District)

Arthur B. Church, Democratic	95
William S. Moore, Republican	121
Blanks	12

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Plymouth)

Edward C. Cole, Socialist	1
Jere B. Howard, Republican	153
Nathaniel Morton, Democratic	45
Blanks	29

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY
(Plymouth County)

Herbert N. Alden, Socialist	0
Sumner A. Chapman, Republican	161
Chester W. Ford, Democratic	34
Edward F. Hall, Independence League	5
Blanks	28

TOWN CLERKS' CONVENTION

At a meeting of the town clerks of the towns, comprising the Second Plymouth Representative district held at Marshfield, November 13, 1908, the vote for representative was found to be as follows :

	Total	Church	Moore	Blanks
Duxbury	235	37	163	35
Marshfield	228	52	142	34
Norwell	228	95	121	12
Pembroke	200	125	60	15
Scituate	353	111	195	47

Whole number of ballots	1,244
Arthur B. Church, Democratic	420
William S. Moore, Republican	681
Blanks	143

William S. Moore having a plurality of the votes was declared elected and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

George H. Stearns	Town Clerk of Duxbury
George H. Wetherbee	Town Clerk of Marshfield
Joseph F. Merritt	Town Clerk of Norwell
Jetsom Wade	Town Clerk of Scituate
Wilbert E. Halladay	Town Clerk of Pembroke

 ENROLLED MILITIA

There were 248 men enrolled for military duty in this town May 1, 1908.

REGISTERED VOTERS

At the close of registration Oct. 24, 1908, there were 366 male and 3 female voters on the list.

 DOGS LICENSED

Dog licenses issued from Dec. 1, 1907 to Dec. 1, 1908 .

Whole number licensed 175

153 male dogs at \$2.00	\$306 00	
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22 female dogs at \$5.00	110 00	
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	\$416 00
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Less clerks' fees, 175 licenses at 20c	35 00
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Amount turned over to County Treasurer	\$381 00
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MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING
THE YEAR 1908.

February 1. At Hanover, George R. Farrar of Norwell and Minnie C. Fitts of Rockland, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

March 9. At Providence, R. I., Louis Warren Wheeler and Julia Elizabeth Damon, both of Norwell, by Rev. Alexander Mitchell.

April 18. At Providence, R. I., Benjamin Franklin Eldridge of Quincy and Abbie Gertrude Jones of Norwell, by Rev. Alexander Mitchell.

July 8. At Hanover, Jared Ainslie Gardner and Elsie Blanche Mann, both of Norwell, by Rev. Marcus H. Carroll.

August 5. At Norwell, Lyman Washington Lincoln and Carrie Elizabeth Bates, both of Norwell, by Rev. William E. Ennis.

August 14. At Newton, William Gould Vinal of Norwell and Lillie Hale Downing of Medford, by Rev. George S. Butters.

September 22. At Rockland, Arthur Andrew Montgomery and Barbara Alberta Cochran, both of Norwell, by Rev. Fred J. Clark.

October 3. At Hanover, Leon Burton Cobbett of Norwell and Eunice Lillian Burbank of Scituate by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

October 28. At Norwell, Herbert Gilman Simmons and Annie Louise Farrar, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1908.

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
January	George Leonard Lincoln.....	Arthur G. and Ida C.	Holbrook
17	Raymond Bresnahan	John and Grace	Hitchcock
30	Elder William Brewster	Charles E. and Flora	Sherman
February	Wilbur Harold Hatch	George S. and Annie	Berger
26	Harriet Elizabeth Prince.....	John H. and Mary A.	Primus
March	— — — Torrey	Everett L. and Ethel F.	Stoddard
9	Genevieve Anna Nash	Lester S. and Helen E.	Merritt
23	Bertha Whiting.....	Louis B. and Floretta	Young
28	Charles Alvor Richardson	Charles H. and Viola M.	Macomber
31	Clarence Leland Damon	Wallace H. and Fannie M.	Crocket
June	John Ellsworth Bryden	John and Lillian A.	Redfern
9	Gordon Leroy Melcher.....	John C. and Alice M.	Snowdale
25	Fred Glennore Heredien	Henry and Eva.....	Totman
27	George Richmond Jones	Walter N. and Mabel	Holbrook
27	Louisa Victoria Sylvester, born at Dux y	Albert S. and 'my W.	Dinzey
30	— — — Henderson	Harry and Edna.....	Clapp
September	Thelma Hatch.....	Joseph W. and Hortense	Bunker
October	Helen Louise Delano	William and Carrie	Lovell
1	Minnie Evelyn Davis	Nahum Irving and Minnie L.	Spooner
29	Helen Frances Wagner	Walter and Fannie	Henderson
31	Lillian I. Bates.....	Henry W. and Nellie M.	Hammond
18	Illegitimate		
November	Jesse Kinsman Leavitt.....	Jesse and Lena	Hinds
December	Florence Constance Henderson.....	Ernest L. and Jennie	Chapman
6	Carolyn Barnard	James H. and Emeline	Barrage
11	Jennie Agnes White.....	Patrick L. and Ella W.	Pratt
14	Warren Sherman Wheeler	Louis W. and Julia	Damon
30			
Nov'r 30, 1907	Harold Francis Sheehan	Timothy M. and Florence G.	Williams

The Town Clerk will furnish blanks for the returns required of physicians and parents and all persons interested are requested to notify him of any errors or omissions in the list of births, that they may be corrected and the records completed.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1908.

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH	BIRTHPLACE	PLACE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D			
Jan.	1 Eliza L. Randall (Kelley)....	76	9	18	Lobar Pneumonia.....	Boston	Norwell
	6 Horace E. Boynton.....	10	8	27	Accidental drowning.....	Norwell	Norwell
	11 Freeman Litchfield.....	81	4	..	Valvular disease of heart.....	Seituate	Norwell
	11 Ellis F. Brown.....	54	..	..	La grippe, pneumonia.....	South Seituate	Norwell
	14 Julia M. Turner (Tilden)....	78	4	7	Apoplexy.....	Seituate	Brockton
	20 Seth Foster.....	77	11	6	Obstruction of Bowels, exhaustion ..	Seituate	Boston
	24 Almira Tildin (Litchfield)....	71	4	8	Cerebral disease.....	Seituate	Norwell
	29 Rosella N. Damon (Bennett) ..	77	3	2	Cerebral hemorrhage.....	—	Norwell
	30 Flora Brewster (Sherman)....	39	4	28	Puerperal Eclampsia.....	Marshfield	Norwell
	31 Elder William Brewster.....	..	..	2	Premature birth.....	Norwell	Norwell
Feb.	3 Jane Rose (Murphy).....	77	9	9	Chronic nephritis, dilatation of heart ..	Boston	Boston
	7 Bertha Salome Stoddard.....	27	4	25	Cerebro spinal meningitis.....	South Seituate	No well
March	15 ——— Torrey.....	..	..	6	Uremia.....	Norwell	Norwell
April	1 Zenas A. Howland.....	27	3	..	La grippe, heart disease.....	Seituate	Norwell
May	4 Eunice Loring (Toomey)....	66	9	..	Val. heart disease, pul. congestion ..	Hanover	Norwell
	5 Josiah W. Chamberlain.....	86	2	26	La grippe, heart disease.....	Hanover	Norwell
	24 Abigail Harlow (Wildier)....	90	10	..	Natural causes.....	Hingham	Norwell
	31 Mabel F. Jacobs (Harrison)]..	26	..	..	Cancer of uterus.....	Maine	Norwell
June	19 Althea Ewell [Oakman].....	96	..	22	Bronchitis.....	Marshfield	Norwell
	28 Eliza Nash.....	99	9	26	Cerebral hemorrhage, pneumonia....	Seituate	Norwell
July	11 Mildred Vernon Bray.....	3	8	13	Accidental burning.....	Hanover	Norwell
August	11 Maria H. Stoddard [Harding]	81	8	..	Nephritis, Fracture of femur.....	Maine	Norwell
	29 David Griffith.....	83	..	..	Enterocolitis.....	England	Norwell
	30 ——— Henderson.....	..	..	2h	Premature delivery.....	Norwell	Norwell
Sept.	2 Francis M. Morgan.....	49	..	9	General paresis, cerebral abscess.....	Lowell	Norwell
	17 Robert P. Nichols.....	34	..	..	Typhoid fever, hem. of bowels.....	South Seituate	Norwell
Oct.	2 Carrie Smith [Wood].....	36	..	..	Chronic nephritis.....	—	Norwell
	5 Caroline E. Barnard [Brownell]	68	8	3	Obstruction of bowels.....	Westport	Norwell
	7 Gordon L. Melcher.....	..	2	..	Cholera Infantum.....	Norwell	Norwell
Nov.	7 John Turner.....	79	..	6	Softening of brain.....	Seituate	Norwell

Nov.	9	Ezekiel E. Gunderway.....	68	3	..	Cerebral hemorrhage	S'citate	Norwell
	10	Sarah A. Studley.....	83	..	..	Cerebral hemorrhage	England	Norwell
	21	Lillian L. Bates.....	..	21	..	Marasmus.....	Norwell	Norwell
	24	Mary Quinn.....	46	..	..	Nephritis, bronchitis, erysipelas.....	Ireland	Boston
Dec.	28	Timothy B. Chapman.....	77	5	10	Val. disease of heart, convulsions	Hanover	Norwell

BROUGHT IN TOWN FOR BURIAL.

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D		
1907						
Dec. 31	Rhoda V. Winslow.....	90	..	..	Pneumonia.....	Hanover
1908						
Feb. 29	Emeline G. Sparrell.....	82	3	26	Angina pectoris.....	Worcester
March 9	Henry Albert Torrey.....	70	..	..	Arterio sclerosis, nephritis.....	North Pembroke
May 11	Martha W. Little [Torrey]..	36	10	3	Pelvic abscess.....	Newton
July 19	Allen Bacon	77	..	..	Natural causes.....	Rockland
August 17	Catherine W. Winslow.....	..	2	..	Cholera infantum.....	Hingham
18	Herbert E. Litchfield.....	41	7	..	Acute Phthisis.....	Weymouth
Nov. 9	Elizabeth C. Stewart.....	80	7	4	Pneumonia.....	Coliasset
17	Irving W. Smith.....	..	3	5	Congenital Stenosis.....	Weymouth
Dec. 19	William E. Potter.....	73	2	..	Angina Pectoris.....	Plympton

Number of marriages, 9.

Number of births, 28.

Number of deaths, 35.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

Report of Overseers of the Poor

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT

EXPENSES

Articles on hand Jan. 1, 1908	\$398 50
Charles E. Curtis	300 00
Samuel Olson, fish	46 56
H. S. Turner & Co., groceries	170 38
E. H. Sparrell, burial of Almira Tildin	25 00
E. H. Sparrell, burial of David Griffith	25 00
John Monahan, dry goods 1907	21 38
John Monahan, dry goods 1908	13 02
George F. Welch, coal	117 52
E. W. French, repairing shoes	1 40
J. F. Turner, labor	2 75
Curtis & Bates, groceries	168 52
Levi N. Osborn, stock and labor	2 00
William W. Cutler, provisions	36 39
Mrs. R. B. Lawrence, labor at house	3 15
Harry G. Pincin, hay and shoat	23 26
Harry S. Merritt, stock and labor	3 54
J. F. Merritt, hanging paper	5 65
Turner Bros., seed	4 20
Henry C. Ford, hay	8 00
Wm. C. Hammond, labor	11 75
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	185 02
W. H. Spencer, repairing pump	25

George H. Turner, fertilizer	\$3 70
John P. Henderson, wood	17 50
Horace T. Fogg, insurance	22 50
Sparrell Bros., ice	11 79
R. W. McDonald, blacksmith work	6 25
C. W. Tildin, blacksmithing	8 35
H. J. Little, M. D., attendance	43 85
Articles bought for cash	10 00
L. Frank Hammond, hay	25 58

\$1,722 76

ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS

Received from sale of eggs	\$41 10
Received from sale of one calf	8 65
Received from sale of one-half hog	14 40
Received from sale of one cow	10 00
Received from sale of vegetables	36 00
Received from sale of milk	67 00
Received cash	17 50
Due from board of horse	33 00
Due from Scituate, board and supplies of Edgar Fernald	166 90
Due from Scituate, board and supplies of Benjamin Mann	29 00
Articles on hand Jan. 1, 1909	365 25

\$788 80

Net cost of almshouse \$933 96
 Cost of each inmate per week \$3.49.

ARTICLES ON HAND JAN. 1, 1909

Hay	\$25 00	
Cow	40 00	
Horse	40 00	
Manure	40 00	
Wood	20 00	
Fowl	45 00	
Grain	2 50	
Potatoes	12 00	
Mangles	3 50	
Carrots	1 50	
Coal	21 00	
Pork	12 00	
Groceries	12 75	
Lumber and Farming Tools	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$365 25

OUT DOOR POOR

Benjamin Briggs and Family

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	\$104 00	
South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on mortgage	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$113 00

Mary A. Gardner

John S. Brooks & Co., supplies	\$52 00	
H. J. Little, M. D.	28 00	
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Mrs. Evelyn M. Loring

Linscott & Bryant, supplies	\$53 31
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Lorenzo Cromwell and Family

H. J. Little, M. D.	\$24 50
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E. E. Gunderway

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	\$44 00	
E. H. Sparrell, burial	29 00	
H. J. Little, M. D.	27 00	
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Eben Leavitt

H. J. Turner & Co., supplies	\$35 30
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Mrs. George Litchfield

Town of Weymouth, aid	\$6 00
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James H. Costello and Family

E. E. Stetson & Son, supplies	\$233 92	
Phillips, Bates & Co., coal	8 00	
Town of Hanover, medical aid	239 00	
	<hr/>	\$480 92

Arthur G. Lincoln

H. J. Little, M. D., medical aid	\$1 50	
Town of Rockland, medical aid	19 00	
Linscott & Bryant, supplies	9 14	
	<hr/>	\$29 64

Alonzo C. Sylvester

Curtis & Bates, supplies	\$38 00	
H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$58 00

James L. Prouty

Walter R. Torrey, interest on mortgage	\$8 00	
Jedediah Dwelley, interest on mortgage	36 00	
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Henry Fox

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	\$9 09
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Alvin D. Vinal

George H. Vinal, board	\$28 00
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Emery Winslow

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	40	
H. J. Little, M. D., medical aid	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$4 40

Mrs. J. F. Crocker

C. L. Howes, M. D., medical aid	\$9 00
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Mrs. Abigail B. Wilder

H. T. Fogg, interest on mortgage	\$13 50
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Henry W. Winslow

Town of Hingham Medical aid and burial of daughter	\$13 00
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AID TO PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENT IN
OTHER TOWNS

Josiah W. Chamberlain, Holbrook

F. E. Henderson, wood	\$7 00	
Melvin Little, supplies	47 26	
Phillips, Bates & Co., coal	8 00	
Andrew T. Damon, opening grave	5 00	
C. W. and E. H. Sparrell, burial	25 00	
E. E. Stetson, medical supplies	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$93 76

Josephine Keene, Pembroke

H. J. Little M. D., medical aid	\$8 25
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Charles E. McPherson, Canton

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	156 00	
H. J. Little, M. D., medical	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$176 00

William Hammond, Hanover

Curtis & Bates, supplies	\$12 00	
J. P. Henderson, wood	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$14 50

John Prince, Rockland

C. L. Howes, M. D., medical aid \$12 25

Chester Taylor, Scituate

H. J. Little, M. D., medical aid 2 00

Samuel Potter, State

C. L. Howes, M. D., medical aid \$8 50

Fred Griffin, State

H. J. Little, M. D., medical aid 2 00

SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT

Total amount paid out door poor \$1,418 83

Net cost of almshouse 933 96

Due from other towns \$2,352 79
317 26

\$2,035 53

Appropriation \$2,000 00

Exceeded 35 53

ALPHEUS THOMAS,
EZRA E. STETSON,
WILLIAM D. TURNER,
Overseers of the Poor.

Town Officers

Horace T. Fogg, treasurer	\$150 00
Joseph F. Merritt, services as town clerk	\$75 00
Joseph F. Merritt, registrar of vo- ters and recording, 1907 and 1908	50 50
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 125 50
Alpheus Thomas, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	76 00
Ezra E. Stetson, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	155 00
Ernest H. Sparrell, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	25 00
William D. Turner, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	129 00
Mary E. Curtis, school committee	50 00
Benjamin Loring, school committee	25 00
George C. Turner, school committee	25 00
Andrew J. Litchfield, collector	225 00
Walter T. Osborn, constable	32 02
L. Frank Hammond, constable	20 00
Jesse M. Winslow, constable	6 50
J. Warren Foster, constable	14 50
J. Warren Foster, inspector of animals	34 50
Lester W. Osborn, special officer 1907	10 00
W. D. Turner, special officer 1907	2 50
William H. Appleford, registrar of voters	15 00

John H. Prouty, registrar of voters	\$15 00	
Edward M. Sexton, registrar of voters	15 00	
Election Officers, Charles Scully	6 00	
Amos H. Tildin	6 00	
Charles W. Thomas	6 00	
Walter C. Barnard	3 00	
Clifton S. Dean	3 00	
John Whalen	3 00	
Jeremiah H. Lehan	3 00	
Frank W. Jones	20 00	
Alpheus Damon, inspector of provisions	39 25	
A. J. Litchfield, sealer of weights and measures	36 08	
	<hr/>	\$1,275 85
Appropriation	\$1,300 00	
Received from state — Inspection of animals	17 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,317 25
Balance		<hr/> \$41 40

State Aid Paid in 1908

Peter Ainslie	\$60 00
Charles D. Barnard	72 00
David Bassford	72 00
Amanda Bassford	48 00
Amanda Coleman	48 00
Abbie F. Coleman	48 00
Timothy B. Chapman	72 00
Josiah W. Chamberlain	72 00
Martha W. Curtis	48 00
Sarah T. David	28 00
Maria B. Damon	48 00
Lucy Damon	48 00
Frank Dyer	48 00
Daniel R. Ewell	72 00
Mathias French	72 00
Diana Freeman	48 00
Sarah Hatch	48 00
George A. Hatch	60 00
Lydia Hatch	48 00
John H. Howard	48 00
Lebbeus Leach	72 00
Charles M. Leavitt	48 00
William H. Morse	48 00
William O. Merritt	60 00
Howard F. Mann	4 00
Benjamin B. Poole	12 00

William H. Rand	\$36 00
David P. Robinson	36 00
Harriet Raymond	48 00
William E. Stone	72 00
Edwin Studley	72 00
Mary Shepherd	48 00
Rebecca H. Totman	48 00
John F. Totman	72 00
George O. Torrey	72 00
Susan A. Tolman	48 00
James Taylor	36 00
James H. Williams	72 00
John S. Whitney	72 00
Esther M. Young	48 00

\$2,132 00

Approved by and due from the State \$2,132 00

Soldiers' Relief

Albion Snowdale

Aid	\$30 00
Charles Hammond, M. D.	12 00
C. L. Howes, M. D.	3 50
Phillips, Bates & Co., coal	8 00

\$53 50

J. Warren Chamberlain, Jr.

Mrs. Nellie S. Snowdale, nursing	\$19 00
William S. Simmons, wood	13 00

\$32 00

David Bassford and Wife

C. L. Howes, M. D.	\$243 75
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Benjamin Lee

F. E. Henderson, wood	\$10 50
Town of Hanover, medical aid	2 25

\$12 75

\$342 00

Snow Account.

WEST WARD.

Joseph Briggs	\$9 87
Benj. Loring	21 00
C. E. Brewster	21 50
Walter Simmons	15 37
Arthur Damon, 6 hours at 25c	1 50
W. H. Farrar, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
A. J. Farr, 4 hours at 25	1 00
B. Loring, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
E. C. Jacobs, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
Alden Damon, 6 1-2 hours at 25c	1 63
L. Bowker, 3 1-2 hours at 25c	88
A. W. Thomas, 3 hours at 25c	75
Wallace Damon, 6 hours at 25c	1 50
Wm. Pratt, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
Frank Osborne, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
Wm. G. Collamore, 9 hours at 25c	2 25
Albion Damon, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
Lyman Lincoln, 5 1-2 hours at 25c	1 37
R. N. Leavitt, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
S. A. Ward, 5 hours at 25	1 25
James H. Leavitt, 3 hours at 25c	75
Harry T. Leavitt, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
Elmer N. Leavitt, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
Frank Jones, 7 1-2 at 25	1 87
Wm. Culter, 5 hours at 25c	1 25

Arthur Degegnar, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
T. Sheehan, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
Man & Horse 22 1-2 hours at 50c	11 25
C. H. Baker, 7 1-2 hours at 25c	1 88
C. H. Tilden, snow plow	23 60
George H. Bates, 3 hours at 25c	75

\$135 12

EAST WARD

E. P. Joseph	\$38 50
William Cutler	1 25
Lyman Lincoln	1 25
Howard Delano	3 37
Charles Bates, Jr.	50
Antonio Rezendes	75
Carlton O. Litchfield	2 25
Austin Lincoln	2 25

\$50 12

SOUTH WARD

F. E. Henderson	\$20 00
James Winslow	68
Jesse Winslow	1 00
Clarence Winslow	1 00
Charles Smith	87
James Smith	1 25
Robert Smith	1 25
William Gardner	1 25
John Prince	1 00
Edward L. Lehan	2 25
E. A. Jacobs	16 62
A. C. Sylvester	1 75
Edward Winslow	1 75

Alexander Black	1 75	
Wm. E. Sexton	1 75	
Ansel Phillips	2 00	
George W. Barrell	1 25	
L. Frank Hammond	50	
Calvin Talbot	50	
O. W. Lambert	1 00	
Frank N. Studley	2 25	
J. T. McLauthlin	1 00	
Thos. Appleford	2 25	
Arthur Montgomery	1 06	
Fred H. Kidder	1 00	
Walter C. Barnard	1 00	
J. Frank Turner, snow plow	23 00	
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		\$90 98
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Total		\$276 22
Appropriation	\$200 00	
Street Railway Excise Tax	282 99	
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		482 99
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Balance		\$206 77

Taxes Abated

Arthur Cobbett	\$2 00
Henry F. Ford, soldier	8 80
Joseph Griffin	2 00
Arthur G. Lincoln	2 00
William H. Morse	2 00
James L. Prouty	21 60
William A. Pratt	2 00
Henry L. Studley	2 00
Edwin R. Studley, soldier	6 50
John Sheehan	2 00
Benjamin Briggs	12 80
Henry L. Brown, soldier	2 00
H. T. Fogg, overtaxed	8 00
George S. Hatch	1 60
Willard S. Higgins	2 00
Fred Mason	4 00
Ansel Phillips	2 00
Joseph J. Shepherd	2 00
John F. Totman	2 00
Samuel A. Lester, soldier	1 60
Elizabeth E. Adams	48
Robert S. Brown	2 00
Josiah W. Chamberlain, soldier	3 60
Mrs. Charles B. Hatch	2 40
Harry McDonald, overtaxed	1 40
J. Howard Packard	80
John H. Prince	2 00
James Smith estate	4 80

Albion Snowdale, soldier	\$2 56
Arthur L. Smith	2 00
Charles W. Smith, soldier	4 00
James H. Williams, soldier	2 00
Emery S. Winslow	2 00
Alden Briggs	08
Melissa Cushing	08
Samuel Cushing heirs	08
William Church	08
Anthony Collamore	08
Robert E. Dwelley	08
Mrs. Charles H. Merritt	08
Charles E. Nott	08
A. R. Phillips	08
Joshua Studley	08
Michael Sylvester	03
Henry M. Stetson	08
Joseph E. Thompson	08
Sophia Turner	08
J. C. Whitman	08
Edward Berry	6 00
J. P. Merrill, overtaxed	8 16
John Corthell, soldier	2 00
Albert T. Smith, soldier	4 00
Gustavus Totman	4 88
Alonzo C. Sylvester	4 88
Lorenzo Cromwell	4 00
Charles Barnard, soldier	2 00
Edwin Reeves	2 00
Franklin Torrey	602 00

\$760 00

Appropriation
Exceeded

\$150 00

\$610 00

Gypsy and Browntail Moth.

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J. H. Sparrell, labor,	\$461 58
E. H. Sparrell, team	56 50
Alber Merritt, labor	217 51
Edgar F. Poole, labor	8 21
E. F. Freeman, labor	10 67
A. C. Sylvester, labor	66 11
Chas. H. Jones, labor	43 11
Chas. H. Baker, labor	89 00
Wm. O. Henderson, labor	175 31
Amos H. Tilden, labor	84 24
Frank Baker, labor	45 50
Walter J. Wagner, labor	38 25
George A. Bates, labor	152 63
Arthur Degegnar, labor	22 00
Lyman Lincoln, labor	22 00
Edward F. Winslow labor	24 00
Wm. C. Hammond, labor	12 00
Frank H. Osborne, labor	12 00
Fred A. Stoddard, labor	218 13
Elwyn E. Tilden, labor	102 63
Fred M. Curtis, labor	104 39
James E. Stoddard, labor	210 75
Lawrence G. Turner, labor	50 75
Claude Ainslee, labor	30 75

Joseph F. Totman, labor	12 00
Chas. Bates, labor	12 00
Wm. C. Cutler, labor	8 00
Paid for team, labor	258 75
Collins Hardware Co., supplies	6 42
A. J. Wilkinson, supplies	5 25
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	14 52
R. B. McKim, supplies	7 38
Joseph Breck & Sons, supplies	8 83
Phillips Bates & Co., supplies	3 00
George F. Welch, supplies	5 05
Wm. H. Claflin & Co., burlap and twine	93 11
Samuel Cabot, creosote	2 80
Chas. H. Baker, filing saws	1 20
A. W. Thomas, filing saws	1 15
A. F. Jacobs, filing saws	1 40
H. S. Merritt, filing saws	1 15
C. W. Tilden, hanging axes	60
R. W. Macdonald, repairs	3 35
N. Y. & B. Des. Ex. Co., express and carting	3 90
Carrie M. Ford, printing	1 50
H. L. Frost, spraying	124 40
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Total expenditure	\$2,833 78
Total amount charged property owners	\$199 73
Town liability	\$349 23
Amt. received from state to balance	\$2,284 82

JOHN H. SPARRELL
Local Supt.

Town Incidentals

A. L. MacMillan, M. D., returning births	\$1 50
A. W. Totman, expressing	3 00
Standard Publishing Co., printing	138 00
Thomas Groom & Co., printing order books	9 75
T. J. Edwards, rubber stamps	33
Norwell Post Office, stamps	22 26
Carrie M. Ford, printing	18 00
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., cash box	3 50
A. W. Brownell, printing	2 75
C. L. Howes, M. D., returning births	1 00
E. E. Stetson, repairs on guide boards	1 25
W. H. Spencer, repairs on pump	1 50
W. C. Soule, repairs on town clerk's safe	2 00
Southern Mass. Telephone Co., tolls	3 98
Charles Hammond, M. D., returning birth	25
C. H. Baker, repairs on pump Dist. No. 2	3 00
Helen T. Fogg, use of safe vault	10 00
C. F. Damon, supplies for fire extinguishers	2 64
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, returning deaths	6 25
H. J. Little, M. D., returning births	2 00
B. P. Stetson, stock and labor on fountain, Delano Hill	5 00
W. O. Prouty, watering trough Dist. No. 1	8 20
A. J. Litchfield, collector, stamps and stationery	14 00
Frank Thomas, stock service	2 00
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies for town office	1 30

Joseph Frame, M. D., returning birth	\$ 25
William H. Appleford, fire ward 1907	3 00
Melvin Little, services Barstow fire 1907	2 00
Circuit street fire, Ansel Phillips,	1 93
E. A. Jacobs	1 92
Bertram Randall	70
Harry Merritt	70
Richmond Litchfield	70
Allen P. Merritt	87
George W. Barrell	1 05
Elm street fire, Hanover Fire Co.	1 35
Melvin Little	2 05
Raleigh Barker	1 75
John Appleford	1 75
Robert Smith	70
John Knapp	1 75
H. Sproul	35
Jesse Winslow	35
Arthur Dyer	52
Theodore Dyer	52
H. H. Howland	1 00
F. E. Henderson	1 40
George Morton	70
Joseph Tolman	35
Valley swamp fire, A. W. Thomas	7 00
Alpheus Thomas	2 10
George H. Bates	70
F. Bent	2 10
C. W. Thomas	2 10
W. Jones	1 40
A. H. Penniman	1 40
Grove street fire, David D. Sprague	1 05
Arthur Damon	1 05
Lincoln street fire,	
Charles Jones	4 72

Green street fire, George E. Sylvester	\$3 85	
Walter S. Briggs	3 85	
Harold, Sexton	1 75	
Wilbur Sylvester	1 75	
J. H. Sparrell	1 05	
F. M. Curtis	1 05	
James L. Merritt	1 05	
Frank E. Studley	1 05	
Thomas street fire, Clarence Hook	1 05	
Walter J. Wagner	1 05	
Grove street fire,		
Henry A. Pratt	1 05	
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Total		\$333 29
Appropriations		500 00
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Balance		\$166 71

Highways

WEST WARD—JOSEPH BRIGGS

J. Briggs, man and horse, 28 hours at 42c	11 76
Cash paid out	3 34
Joseph Briggs, 19 days at \$2.50	47 50
Man and 4 horses, 35 hours at \$1.04 1-2	36 57
Man and 2 horses, 125 hours at 62 1-2c	78 10
Man and horse, 29 hours at 42c	12 18
Coal for engine	15 32
Benjamin Loring and oxen, 48 hours at 62 1-2c	30 00
Man and horse, 56 hours at 62 1-2c	35 00
E. G. Bates and 2 horses, 16 hours at 62 1-2c	10 00
J. Freeman and 2 horses, 16 hours at 62 1-2c	10 00
F. E. Henderson	
3 men and 6 horses, 8 hours at \$1.87 1-2	15 00
William Farrar and 2 horses, 48 hours at 62 1-2c	30 00
Alden Damon, 86 1-2 hours at 25c	21 63
Albion Damon, 168 hours at 25c	42 00
William G. Collamore, 164 hours at 25c	41 00
Henry L. Studley, 93 hours at 25c	23 25
Charles Curtis, 94 hours at 25c	23 50
William Cutler, 8 hours at 25c	2 00

George H. Bates, 16 hours at 25c	4 00
Fred Harris, 16 hours at 25c	4 00
James Dunbar, 49 1-2 hours at 25c	12 37
William Gunderway, 16 hours at 25c	4 00
George E. Sylvester, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
George W. Bailey, 152 1-2 hours at 25c	38 13
B. Parker Nichols, 51 hours at 25c	12 75
John Gunderway, 13 hours at 25c	3 25
Alpheus Damon, 50 1-2 hours at 25c	12 63
Charles H. Wilder and horse, 38 1-2 hours at 42c	16 17
Horse, 12 hours at 21c	2 52
Timothy Sheehan, 142 1-2 hours at 25c	35 63
Man and horse, 74 hours at 42c	31 08
E. C. Briggs, 38 hours at 25c	9 50
O. H. Burhoff, 21 hours at 25c	5 25
E. C. Jacobs, 64 hours at 25c	16 00
E. C. Jacobs and horse, 21 hours at 42c	8 82
W. S. Briggs, 12 hours at 25c	3 00
W. S. Briggs and horse, 64 hours at 42c	26 88
C. W. Pincin, 28 hours at 25c	7 00
C. W. Pincin and horse, 48 hours at 42c	20 16
J. Frank Crane, 9 days at \$3.00	27 00
Victor Chapman, 40 hours at 25c	10 00
M. J. Kane, lumber and posts	1 70
A. J. Litchfield & Son, shovels	1 60
H. E. Fairbanks, barrels	1 00
Mary E. Veasey, 85 loads gravel at 6c	5 10
Mrs. E. Johnson, 64 loads gravel at 6c	3 84
Bessie E. Parr, 216 loads gravel at 6c	12 96
J. Brown, 48 loads gravel at 6c	2 88
Hall & Torrey, 10 10-inch tile	3 70
William J. Hayden, 6 1-2 hours at 25c	1 63

\$834 70

SOUTH WARD—F. E. HENDERSON.

Francis E. Henderson, 18 days at \$2.50	\$45 00
Three men and 6 horses, 6 days	90 00
Two men and four horses, 6 days	60 00
One man and two horses 8 1-2 days	42 50
One man and 1 horse, 16 hours	6 72
Two horses, 43 hours	18 06
One horse, 12 hours	2 52
Two men, 6 days	24 00
One man, 7 1-2 days	15 00
Frank Hammond	
One man and two horses, 11 days,	55 8
4 1-2 hours	57 81
Charles Smith, 1 man and horse, 16 hours	6 72
T. Appleford, 1 man and horse, 29 hours	12 02
Chas. Macomber, 1 man and horse,	
134 1-2 hours	56 26
Albert Osborne, 1 man and horse, 40 hours	16 80
Walter Briggs, 1 man and horse, 32 hours	13 44
J. Frank Crane, 11 days	33 00
Frank Hammond, 4 days 3 1-2 hours	8 75
Charles Simmons, 76 hours	19 00
Charles Simmons repairing railing	3 50
Robert Smith, 140 hours	35 00
Charles Smith, 156 hours	39 00
James Smith, 122 hours	30 50
Frank Dyer, 38 hours	9 50
Ralph Gardner, 46 hours	11 50
W. R. Barker, 46 hours	11 50
Geo. Chamberlain, 154 hours	38 50
Robert Henderson, 78 hours	19 50
Albion Snowdale, 136 hours	34 00
A. P. Sylvester, 24 hours	6 00
E. A. Jacobs, labor	7 30
Aleck Black, 27 hours	5 83

Richard Winslow, 30 hours	7 50
Howard Packard, 33 hours	8 25
Chas. Macomber, 16 hours	4 00
James Studley, 23 hours	5 75
Henry T. Gunderway, 140 hours	35 00
W. N. Gardner, 52 hours	13 00
T. Appleford, 8 hours	2 00
H. P. Henderson, 8 hours	2 00
Harold Sexton, 48 hours	12 00
H. N. Magoun, pipe	11 16
Fred Capell, labor on railing	16 13
Geo. Welch, material for railing	23 27
Gilbert West, gravel	13 75
E. E. Stetson, gravel	75
Repairs, etc.	3 65
Phillips, Bates & Co. Coal	9 11

Total

\$946 55

EAST WARD—E. P. JOSEPH.

E. P. Joseph, 27 1-2 days at \$2.50	\$68 75
Six horses and 3 men, 9 days at \$15	135 00
Four horses and 2 men, 14 days at \$10	140 00
Three horses and man, one day at \$6.50	6 50
Two horses and man, 14 days at \$5	70 00
Horse 40 1-2 hours at 16 2-3c	6 75
Four men 14 days at \$8	112 00
Two men 10 days at \$4	40 00
Jesse Reed and 2 horses 6 days at \$5	30 00
Carleton Litchfield and 2 horses 7 days at \$5	35 00
George Turner and 2 horses 5 days at \$5	25 00
Joseph Hatch and 2 horses 6 days at \$5	30 00

Henry Ford and 2 horses 12 days at \$5	\$60 00
John Burns and 2 horses 2 days at \$5	10 00
John A. Evans and 2 horses 2 days at \$5	10 00
Lyman Lincoln, 6 days at \$2	12 00
Joseph Totman, 9 days at \$2	18 00
Frank Osborn, 6 days at \$2	12 00
William Cutler, 6 days at \$2	12 00
J. M. Read, 6 days at \$2	12 00
Samuel Brown, 6 days at \$2	12 00
A. Black, 28 days and 2 hours at \$2	56 50
Caleb Litchfield, 2 days at \$2	4 00
C. G. Ainslie, 4 days at \$2	8 00
John Whalen, 4 days at \$2	8 00
Elmer Leavitt, 3 days at \$2	6 00
Walter Wagner, 6 days at \$2	12 00
Alonzo Sylvester, 5 days and 3 hours at \$2	10 75
Walter Jacobs, 1-2 day at \$2	1 00
Wallace Henderson, 3-4 of a day at \$2	1 50
James L. Merritt, 7 1-2 days and 1-2 hour at \$2	15 12
Harry Merritt, 2 days and 1 hour at \$2	4 25
Albert Merritt, 6 days and 1 hour at \$2	12 25
Russell Walker, 4 days at \$3	12 00
H. Leavitt, 2 days at \$2	4 00
A. H. Tilden, 4 days at \$2	8 00
Frank Burns, 2 days at \$2	4 00
Harold Osborne, 1 day at \$2	2 00
Albert Osborne, 1 1-2 days at \$2	3 00
William O. Clapp, gravel	23 80
Mrs. John Burns, gravel	5 04
John A. Evans, gravel	1 38
Mrs. Veasey, gravel	11 22
George F. Welch, supplies	10 80
George F. Welch, drain pipe	7 60
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	\$1,089 21
Orders drawn East Ward	895 46
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Due East Ward	\$193 75

GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Goods Road Machine Co., supplies for stone crusher	\$14 25	
George F. Welch, lumber for crusher	9 50	
George E. Sylvester, painting engine house and boiler	45 41	
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		\$69 16

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

South Ward	\$946 55	
West Ward	834 70	
East Ward	1,089 21	
General Account	69 16	
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		\$2,939 62
Appropriation	\$2,500 00	
	2,939 62	
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Due East Ward for labor	\$193 75	
Exceeded		\$439 62

Assessors' Report

Value of buildings	\$465,210 00
Value of land	232,604 00
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	\$697,814 00
Value of personal property	169,179 00
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Total valuation, 1908	\$866,993 00
Total valuation 1907	873,069 00
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Decrease	\$6,076 00
State tax	\$1,705 00
County tax	1,412 59
Town tax	14,000 00
Number of polls assessed 483	
Number of persons assessed 950	
Number assessed poll tax only 144	
Horses assessed 339	
Cows assessed 192	
Sheep assessed 42	
Neat cattle, other than cows, assessed 22	
Swine assessed 48	
Foul assessed 7,175	
Dwelling houses assessed 480	
Acres land assessed 10,872 5-8	
Assessor's warrant to collector	\$15,011 20
Street railway excise tax	282 99

List of Jurors

Robert C. Henderson	Cutter
Amos H. Tildin	Farmer
Carlton O. Litchfield	Farmer
John Whalen	Farmer
James L. Litchfield	Teamer
John H. Prouty	Real Estate
Theophilus Appleford	Farmer
Asa W. Robinson	Shoeworker
Harrison Wilder	Retired
George H. Tisdale	Stitcher
Alonzo B. Whiting	Clerk
William O. Prouty	Carpenter
Clarence O. Hook	Painter
Alpheus Damon	Retired
Frank Vining	Shoeworker
John H. Sparrell	Ice Dealer
Frederick H. Kidder	Clergyman
Frank E. Studley	Shoeworker
Joseph H. Hatch	Farmer
John F. Turner	Carpenter
Joshua R. Barker	Retired
Ezra E. Stetson	Provision Dealer
Alpheus W. Thomas	Shoeworker
George A. Turner	Carpenter
Joseph H. Corthell	Retired
George C. Turner	Farmer

Miscellaneous

CEMETERY

Phillips, Bates & Co., supplies	\$3 00	
J. H. Curtiss, labor	27 85	
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		\$30 85
Appropriation		50 00
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Unexpended		\$19 15

BOARD OF HEALTH

J. Frank Gear, supplies	\$3 00	
F. H. Kidder, services	2 00	
H. J. Little, M. D., services	12 00	
A. J. Mitchell, expressing	60	
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		\$17 60
Appropriation		50 00
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Unexpended		\$32 40

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Appropriation	\$50 00
Expenditures, none	

TREE WARDEN

Lincoln Elms, trees and setting	\$15 00	
F. M. Curtis, labor	6 50	
J. H. Sparrell, labor	9 00	
Melvin Little, labor	12 00	
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		\$42 50
Appropriation		50 00
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Unexpended		\$7 50

TOWN HALL

Curtis & Bates, supplies	\$2 51	
L. F. Hammond, janitor	30 00	
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		\$32 51
No appropriation		

SQUARES AND TRIANGLES

Paid Treas. Church Hill Improvement Society	\$18 75	
Paid W. C. Barnard, work in Gaffield Park	20 00	
Paid A. Black, work on Triangles and Common	41 58	
Paid Austin Lincoln, work at Mt. Blue	5 00	
Paid E. A. Jacobs, material and carting	8 50	
Paid W. T. Sylvester, use of oxen	1 00	
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		\$94 83

RECEIVED PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AS
FOLLOWS ;

A. J. Litchfield, Jr.	\$1 00	
H. E. Robbins	1 00	
H. S. Turner	1 00	
Mrs. Sarah Hunt	50	
W. E. Ennis	50	
Miss Spooner	25	
Mrs. Helen Fogg	1 00	
Mrs. Gaffield	2 00	
Miss Caroline Turner	1 00	
H. T. Fogg	2 00	
W. D. Turner	1 00	
J. F. Merritt	1 00	
J. H. Corthell	1 00	
E. H. Sparrell	1 00	
J. H. Lehan	75	
Town appropriations	75 00	
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		\$90 00
Exceeded	\$4 80	

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES'
ACCOUNT

D. W. Ross, cleaning weights and measures	\$1 75
Hobbs & Warren Co., sealer's weight and measure record	2 50
W. & L. E. Gurley, scales, weights and measures	118 81
W. & L. E. Gurley, portable drill	3 60

Malden Specialty Co., marking acid	1 50
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies	4 24

Appropriation	\$132 40
	108 00

Exceeded	\$24 40
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REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

To the Selectmen :

Number of Platform Scales Sealed	12
Number of Platform Scales Adjusted	1
Number of Computing Scales Sealed	1
Number of all other Scales Sealed	46
Number of all other Scales Adjusted	7
Number of all other Scales Condemned	5
Number of Weights Sealed	168
Number of Weights Adjusted	79
Number of Dry Measures Sealed	73
Number of Dry Measures Condemned	6
Number of Liquid Measures Sealed	62
Number of Liquid Measures Condemned	4
Number of Linear Measures Sealed	6

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD, JR.,
Sealer

LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

WEST WARD

Alpheus W. Thomas, Charles W. Thomas, Clifford Brett,
Charles N. Gardner, Town Hall, Joseph Briggs, No. 1
School House, Curtis Bros., Benjamin Loring.

SOUTH WARD

George E. Torrey, Frank Dyer, Joseph Tolman, Arthur L. Toppan, William Tolman, Melvin Little, Francis E. Henderson.

EAST WARD

Jesse Reed, Atwood L. Ford, John Whalen, A. J. Litchfield & Son, Curtis & Bates, H. S. Turner & Co., Town Farm (two).

Tax Collector's Report

Andrew J. Litchfield in account with town of Norwell :

DR.

To F. Torrey tax, 1906	\$602 00
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CR.

By F. Torrey tax, abated	\$602 00
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DR.

To outstanding taxes of 1907	\$3,660 43
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CR.

By amount paid treasurer to July 1908	\$3,030 28
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By cash deposited with treasurer July,	
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1908, to relieve bondsmen	630 15
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	\$3,660 43
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1907 taxes outstanding Jan. 16, 1909 as per list printed	
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	\$225 84
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DR.

To 1908 Assessment	\$15,011 20	
To 1908 excise tax	282 99	
To interest collected on taxes	100 85	
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		\$15,395 04

CR.

By amount paid treasurer	\$11,033 38	
By interest paid treasurer	100 85	
By excise tax paid treasurer	282 99	
By 1908 taxes outstanding	3,977 82	
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		\$15,395 04

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD,
Collector.

1907 Taxes, Outstanding Jan. 1908

Hatherly Ainslie	\$2 00
Mary H. Ainslie	9 76
Ellery F. Ainslie	3 60
John B. Bresnahan	2 00
James E. Cobbett	2 00
Leon B. Cobbett	2 00
James Dunbar	2 00
James J. Farrar	2 00
William H. Delano	2 00
William H. Farrar	10 00
Lawrence A. Griffin	2 80
John Gunderway	8 00
John H. Howard	2 00
Frank R. Kenyon	2 00
Oscar W. Lambert	2 00
Patrick McNiccol	16 80
Carlton M. Pinsin	3 20
Arthur J. Parr	3 20
Lemuel L. Phipps	2 00
Gustavus Totman	2 80
Charles F. Tisdale	2 00
Mrs. Martha E. House	16 96
Louis B. Whiting	2 00
Samuel Ward	2 00
Briggs & Co.	08
Edward E. Brewster	1 60
John J. Burns	2 40

Alexander Blaisdell	I	44
John F. Caswell	I	60
Davis Cushing		40
C. S. Emerson		40
Enoch Johnson	3	84
Almira Lane	10	24
Levi Lincoln	4	88
Francis Merritt		48
Robert N. Norris		64
Sarah J. Rudd heirs	14	40
Elizabeth B. Stockbridge		16
Charles T. Stockbridge		80
Perez Simmons heirs	11	52
Reuben Thomas heirs		32
Alvin A. Vinal	16	24
Mrs. Harry Wright heirs		80
Charles H. Bates	2	00
John T. Hatch	2	00
G. M. H. Litchfield assignees	4	80
Allen P. Merritt	2	00
Hosea L. Stetson	3	20
D. Oscar Wagner	4	00
Snow Bryant		24
J. E. Cushman	2	80
John M. Danforth	I	20
Geo. O. Jenkins		56
Charles H. Northey	I	04
George H. Pollard	2	40
George E. Reed	6	40
Walter S. Torrey heirs		80
Charles D. Barnard	2	00
Lorenzo Cromwell	2	00
Edgar E. Lee	2	00
William Latour	2	00
James H. Patterson heirs	6	16
Louis Biladeu		40
Rufus Darling		48

Report of the Town Treasurer

RECEIPTS.

From Andrew J. Litchfield, collector of taxes

Assessment of 1907	\$3,434 59
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Balance of assessment of 1907 un- paid, and amount deposited in treasury	225 84
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Real and personal taxes, assessment of 1908	10,523 38
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Poll taxes, assessment of 1908	510 00
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Street railway excise tax 1908	282 99
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Interest on overdue taxes	100 85
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\$15,077 65

From Arthur B. Chapin, state treasurer

Corporation tax	\$3,005 12
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National Bank tax	973 58
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Street railway tax	196 75
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\$4,175 45

From various sources as stated for general purposes

Interest on bank balances	\$55 70
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Licenses and sundries	23 75
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Rent of Town hall and Schoolhouse	12 50
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Superintendent of almshouse	166 69
Second District Court fines	17 10
Sale of lots in cemetery	34 00
Sealer of weights and measures	10 67

\$320 41

From various sources as stated for school purposes only

County of Plymouth, dog tax 1907	\$365 11
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, income state school fund	1,229 99
Tuition of children	226 50
High school tuition	500 00
Superintendent of schools	416 67
High School Improvement society	1 00

\$2,739 27

From various sources as stated for purposes as stated

Individual aid to poor refunded	\$25 25
Town of Holbrook, aid to poor	270 99
Town of Canton, aid to poor	161 00
Town of Pembroke, aid to poor	27 00
Town of Scituate, aid to poor	173 90
Town of Rockland, aid to poor	7 50
Town of Cohasset, aid to poor	47 75
Town of Marshfield, Union bridge	66 80
Contributions for squares and triangles	15 00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State aid	2,150 00
Inspector of animals	17 25
Gypsy moth accoutt	2,798 98

\$5,761 42

South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipa-
tion of taxes

\$6,000 00

Cash on hand Jan. 18, 1908

1,546 96

\$35,621 16

PAYMENTS

Highway account 1907

\$15 84

Highway account 1908

2,796 82

Public Squares

93 83

Removing snow

231 85

\$3,138 34

Almshouse account 1907

81 55

Almshouse account 1908

1,267 31

Outdoor poor 1907

3 75

Outdoor poor 1908

1,409 58

\$2,762 19

State Aid 1907

\$4 00

State Aid 1908

2,105 00

Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief

339 25

\$2,448 25

Support of Schools

\$9,224 09

State School Fund

416 19

\$9,640 28

Town Officer Account 1907

12 50

Town Officer Account 1908

1,292 85

Police Officers Second District Court

61 14

\$1,366 49

Suppression of gypsy moths	\$2,924 04	
Tree warden account	42 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,966 54
Sealer of weights and measures		\$132 40
Incidentals 1907	2 10	
Incidentals and sundry accounts 1908	487 97	
	<hr/>	\$490 07
Post 112, G. A. R.		\$100 00
Abatement of taxes	\$320 44	
Scituate tax	5 70	
County tax	1,412 59	
State tax	1,705 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,443 73
Notes and interest paid		
Time note due March 15, 1908	\$1,000 00	
Interest on time loan, 1908	115 00	
Interest on A. T. Otis poor fund note	52 00	
Interest on coffin fund note	80 00	
Anticipation notes 1908	6,000 00	
Interest on same	221 65	
	<hr/>	\$7,468 65
Cash on hand Jan. 16, 1909		
General funds	\$1,335 43	
State school fund	328 79	
	<hr/>	\$1,664 22
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		\$35,621 16

In submitting the above report as Town Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1908, I desire to express my appreciation of the many courtesies shown me during the past twelve years, and to state that I shall not be a candidate for re-election.

HORACE T. FOGG,
Treasurer

Report of the Forest Warden

Notwithstanding the extreme and long continued drought of last season there were very few fires in town.

Several small blazes that started were put out without much trouble except two, one off Elm street, and one near the Hingham line. The loss to property was very slight. This was due in a measure to the fact that the fires were discovered early and the alarm quickly given by means of the telephone, which is proving a great factor in the suppression of forest fires. We have no adequate means of dealing with a fire once it gets a good start in a dry season, and the early discovery of a blaze means a saving of money to the town. The warden would recommend the purchase of a few more extinguishers of some standard make, some fire brooms, buckets and shovels to be placed in different parts of the town in charge of deputy wardens, those who have telephones, if possible, to be available for immediate use. The residents of the extreme south and west parts of the town are within easy reach of the Hanover Fire Department, but the other sections are not so fortunate, as it would take some time for any outside help to reach us. In the early stages of a fire a few men provided with extinguishers and shovels will do the work of many when a woods fire gets well under way, and as the laws are at the present time, a large force of men would mean expense for the town.

At the annual meeting the voters will have to decide whether they will adopt the law forbidding the setting of fires in the open between the first of April and the first of

December without the written permission of the forest warden. This law is intended for the protection of forest and sprout land, and in a slightly different form has been in use in many towns for several years. It does not prevent a person from burning garden rubbish or leaves on ploughed ground two hundred feet from woodland, without a permit. The total cost of fighting wood fires since March 30, 1908, including supplies purchased, is \$59.35.

I hope the town will appropriate \$125 to purchase additional extinguishers and other fire apparatus this year so that we may gradually secure a reasonable outfit for the protection of our homes and woodland.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,
Forest Warden

Report of Trustees.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND.

Amount of fund		\$2,000 00
Loaned on town note at 4 per cent.		
In Savings Bank Jan. 1, 1908	\$76 24	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	25 16	
Interest on bank book	2 76	
Interest on note	80 00	
	<hr/>	\$184 16
 Paid worthy poor	 \$17 70	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1909	87 46	
In bank Jan. 1, 1909	58 50	
Paid care cemetery lot	20 50	
	<hr/>	\$184 16

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ABIGAIL T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS.

Amount of funds	\$1,500 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	252 17	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1909	70 44	
	<hr/>	\$1,822 61

Paid for cemetery repairs	\$79 14	
Care of lots and flowers	25 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	218 47	
Amount of funds	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,822 61

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
 TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Loaned on town note	\$1,300 00	
In Savings Bank	700 00	
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Amount of fund		\$2,000 00

In Savings Bank Jan. 1, 1908	\$96 35	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	60 26	
Interest on bank book	32 16	
Interest on town note	52 00	
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		\$240 77

Paid worthy poor	\$40 00	
In bank Jan. 1, 1909	128 51	
Cash on hand	72 26	
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		\$240 77

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	41 00	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1909	9 22	
	<hr/>	\$250 22
 Paid for repairs and improvements	 \$25 00	
Paid for care of lot	8 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	17 22	
Amount of fund	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$250 22

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	38 38	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1909	9 32	
	<hr/>	\$247 70
 Paid for repairs and improvements	 10 00	
Paid for care lot	8 75	
Interest in bank	28 95	
Amount of fund	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$247 70

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PRUDENCE C. DELANO
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$300 00	
Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1908	90 33	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1909	15 76	
	<hr/>	\$406 09
 Paid care and repairs of tomb	 \$12 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	94 09	
Amount of fund	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$406 09

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE NANCY C. HERSEY
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	17 13	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1909	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$121 53
 Paid for care of lot	 \$9 50	
Paid for repairs and improvements	10 00	
Interest on deposit	2 03	
Amount of fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$121 53

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE BETSEY TOLMAN
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	01	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1909	4 04	
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		\$104 05
 Paid for care of lot	 \$4 05	
Amount of fund	100 00	
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		\$104 05

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE P. CLAPP
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	08	
Interest on bank book	4 04	
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		\$104 12
 Paid for care of lot	 \$4 12	
Amount of fund	100 00	
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		\$104 12

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE MARY O. ROBBINS
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$200 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	14 67
Interest on bank book	8 44
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	\$223 11

Paid for care of lot	\$6 00
Paid for repairs and improvements	10 00
Interest on bank book Jan. 1, 1909	7 11
Amount of fund	200 00
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	\$223 11

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CHARLES H. MERRITT
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$50 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	1 43
Interest on bank book	2 06
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	\$53 49

Paid for care of lot	\$2 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	1 49	
Amount of fund	<u>50 00</u>	\$53 49

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES W. SAMPSON
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	2 85	
Interest on bank book	<u>4 12</u>	\$106 97

Paid care of lot	\$3 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	3 97	
Amount of fund	<u>100 00</u>	\$106 97

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE ROBBINS TOMB FUND.

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	<u>5 08</u>	\$105 08
In South Scituate Savings Bank	\$105 08	

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE DAVIS DAMON
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	5 08	
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In South Scituate Savings Bank	\$105 08	\$105 08

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SUSAN C. DAMON
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1908	1 00	
Interest on bank book	4 08	
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		\$105 08
Paid for care of lot	\$3 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	2 08	
Amount of fund	100 00	
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		\$105 08

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE H. BATES
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on bank book	4 04	
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		\$104 04
Paid for care of lot	\$2 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1909	2 04	
Amount of fund	100 00	
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		\$104 04

Appropriations Recommended For

1909

Support of poor	\$2,000 00
Incidentals	500 00
Support of schools	6,500 00
Highways	2,500 00
Removing snow, street railway excise tax	200 00
Memorial Day	100 00
State aid	2,000 00
Soldiers' relief	300 00
Town officers	1,300 00
Washington street cemetery	50 00
Tree warden	25 00
Board of health	50 00
School physician	50 00
Squares and triangles	100 00
Town note due March 15, 1909	1,000 00
Town hall	50 00
Fire Extinguishers	125 00

\$16,850 00

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings

Bank	\$2,500 00
Note in favor of the Coffin fund	2,000 00
Note in favor of the Otis fund	1,300 00
Due other towns for support of poor (estimated)	100 00

\$5,900 00

ASSETS

Due from state, state aid	\$2,132 00
Due from towns and state for aid to poor	513 16
Cash in hands of treasurer	1,664 22
Uncollected taxes	3,977 82

\$8,287 20

Balance in favor of town	\$2,387 20
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RECAPITULATION

Taxes abated	\$760 00
Highways	2,745 87

Town hall	\$32 51
Parks and triangles	94 83
Cemetery	30 85
Board of health	17 60
Tree warden	42 50
Support of poor	1,722 76
Gypsy moths	2,868 31
Incidentals	333 29
Town officers	1,275 85
Soldiers' relief	342 00
State aid	2,132 00
Support of schools	9,640 28
Removing snow	176 22
Post No. 112	1,00 00
Town note	1,000 00
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	\$23,314 87

CREDITS.

Almshouse	\$788 80
State aid	2,132 00
Due from towns, poor account	513 16
Schools, from state and other towns	2,739 27
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	\$6,173 23

I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, treasurer and collector and find them correctly cast and vouchers for all amounts paid.

FRANK W. JONES,
Auditor

Norwell, Mass., Jan. 16, 1909.

Norwell, Mass., Feb. 1, 1909.

To the Citizens of Norwell—

Owing to ill health I am obliged to resign from all town offices and ask to be released from my duties at the election of my successor.

Permit me to say that it is with feelings of regret that I sever my connections with associations that have always been of the most pleasant character.

Yours very respectfully, .

ALPHEUS THOMAS

Transcript of Articles in the Warrant

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 1, 1909, AT
SEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Collector and five Constables for one year; one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years; three Highway Surveyors and one Tree Warden for one year; one member of the Board of Health and one member of the School Committee for three years; to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" and also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled, 'An act to provide for the protection of forest and sprout lands from fire,' be accepted by this town?" All on one ballot. Polls open from 7 A. M. to 11 A. M.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To make the necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town, and for other purposes, and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient.

Art. 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and for disbursement under the pro-

visions of the law relating to State Aid and Military Aid and to defray the expenses of the town.

Art. 6. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Art. 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Art. 8. To make allowance to town creditors.

Art. 9. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day?

Art. 10. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Art. 11. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in cemetery on Washington street?

Art. 12. Will the town cause a new valuation to be taken in 1909?

Art. 13. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Art. 14. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair?

Art. 15. Will the town give any instructions to the town officers?

Art. 16. What price will the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year?

Art. 17. Will the town instruct the selectmen to purchase a 20-pound test weight, also a set of dry measures for the sealer of weights and measures?

Art. 24. Or act or do anything relative to the above?

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant must present them to the selectmen on or before 5 o'clock P. M. Feb. 15, 1909.

ALPHEUS THOMAS,
EZRA E. STETSON,
WILLIAM D. TURNER,
Selectmen of Norwell

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NORWELL

FOR THE YEAR 1908

School Report.

To the Citizens of Norwell:

In presenting to you our annual report, it may seem, that, year after year, we have the same criticisms to make, the same advice to give, but, if as a noted author has said, "Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated," how can it be otherwise? And first we will speak of our School Buildings, which were repaired and cleaned during the long vacation. Dist. No. 5 school-house had to be shingled and the grounds graded a little, as much, in fact, as we thought we ought to afford. This building should be painted the coming year. Dist. No. 6 school-house should be painted inside, as, until we have that new school building which will accommodate all the pupils in this end of the town, this building will be in constant use. At Dist. No. 7 some minor repairs were made and at Dist. No. 1 it is not expected that much work will have to be done as we had to do quite a little work there this year.

The High School building should have the side walls painted or otherwise repaired as now they present a poor appearance, not what one might expect from a building used for a High School and Town Hall. The window sashes were in very bad shape but those have been painted and put in good condition.

We were very sorry to lose our Superintendent, Mr. C. A. Harris, who left us in February to become Superintendent

in the Holliston district. He has been succeeded by Mr. James S. Hayes of Rockland, a teacher of long experience and thoroughly familiar especially with the work of the common schools. Mr. Hayes is a graduate of the Bridgewater State Normal School, had taken a partial course at Harvard University, and had passed successfully the State Superintendent's examinations. Mr. Hayes' work has been very satisfactory. His visits are frequent and he is equally at home in a Primary, Grammar or High School.

Mr. A. B. Lewis, principal of our High School, left us at the close of the year and we secured the services of Mr. E. R. Bemis (formerly principal of the Medway High School) to take his place. As usual, we have had to change our assistants several times during the year. In January, 1908, when school began, Miss Bowen left us and Miss Prudence Curtiss of Hingham took her place; she stayed only two months and Miss Margaret Marshall of Rockland succeeded her. We are glad to state that Miss Marshall is with us now. Miss Edna Cullis, a most excellent teacher, stayed only through the Spring term, resigning to accept a position in Adams, Mass. Miss Irene H. Fielding of Melrose, was engaged in September as second assistant. On looking at the reports of other towns we find we are not alone in this matter, it seems that every country High School is but a training school and a good stepping stone to higher positions and better salaries in larger places. We have employed Mrs. Lillie C. Stoddard of North Scituate to give our High School pupils some instruction not really in music but in singing, paying for the same from the High School fund.

We wish it were possible to employ a teacher of music in our common schools; we have a drawing teacher, why not a music teacher? In every neighboring town music is taught in all the public schools and it is one of the requirements for admission to the State Normal schools.

Miss Gertrude Jones, who had taught drawing in town for a number of years, also resigned in June and we now employ Miss Bertha M. Tilden of Rockland, a student at the Normal Art School. Miss Tilden is doing very good work and the improvement in her department is very decided, as one teacher said, "She always has something new to give us." During the severe illness of Miss Varney, (No. 1 Primary) Miss Alice Griggs of this town, substituted for her. Miss Varney being able to come back in September, Miss Griggs was offered the position in No. 5 Grammar school, left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Neeley, but this she declined, having decided to enter another profession. We then hired Miss Nancy M. Bucknam of Mattapan, a teacher of wide experience, for No. 5 and under her capable management the school is making good progress.

It was proposed that this year all the schools in town should unite for the Decoration Day exercises, but owing to an epidemic of whooping cough, Dist. No. 7 Primary was unable to be present.

All the other schools, however, came together and gave a very pleasing program which was much enjoyed by the large audience present. It is our earnest wish that these patriotic exercises may be continued and that our children shall be taught to revere the names of "Those who died that our country might live."

Our annual graduation has always been a pleasing affair and this year was no exception. The essays were well written and delivered, the music was of the best, while the appearance of the school as the pupils so slowly and gracefully took their places for the different numbers on the program, left nothing to be desired. It really seemed that those young people for that time at least, were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of all that is best in education and that each deemed it a privilege and an honor to be called a pupil of the Norwell High School.

The dedication of the Lincoln tablet at the High School building on Nov. 20 was another pleasant and unusually interesting occasion.

The tablet is of bronze, on which is inscribed Lincoln's famous speech at the dedication of the National cemetery at Gettysburgh and was obtained at a considerable cost, through the efforts of the Improvement League of the High School. All the essays and poems delivered on this occasion were original and certainly were deserving of much praise. We wish to thank Mrs. Thomas Gaffield of this town for her gift of two pictures, one of Washington, the other of Sumner, which were unveiled at the same time.

We are very glad to say that the attendance the past year has been very much better than for several years as you may see by comparing the abstracts from the registers. Yet it is not so good but that it might be better. Let each parent make an extra effort to keep his child in school every day. You will never regret it and the child will thank you for it in after years. We ought not to employ a truant officer in our town, but we have had to do so several times, some parents forgetting the law which says that "Every child whose physical and mental condition is not such as to render his attendance impracticable, shall attend a public school and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half-day sessions within a period of six months, the parent or guardian shall upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars." We would like to induce the parents and friends of our schools to visit them more often than they do. Why should you not do so? You would not employ a carpenter to build you a house, a man to plow your garden, a dressmaker or a milliner without going to consult them and see if things were going on as you would like to have them. But you will entrust your children, (your dearest possessions)

and their education to a teacher, whom actually in many cases you have not even seen. Not but what our teachers are to be trusted yet if they only knew and could be sure that they had your confidence, that you would uphold them in taking a course which they might consider right, and which the child often thinks to be wrong, how much better work could be done!

In the city of Boston, a society has been formed very recently for this very thing, that is, co-operation of parents and teachers.

If a parent has a grievance against a teacher, do not, we beg of you, mention it before your child, but go to the teacher and talk the matter over calmly, see if your child has stated the facts exactly, as they were, hear the teacher's side of the story and we are very sure you will come away feeling that the teacher is trying to do the very best she knows for all concerned. Speak well of our teachers before your children and use your influence to have others do so. We have heard good, faithful teachers mocked and nick-named in public places (when children were present) by thoughtless people and we all know children always remember such words.

In a recent issue of a popular magazine it is said that lack of respect and reverence are growing evils of the American people; let it not be so in this town, we can do much to prevent it. Let us, as loyal citizens of the town, form a co-operative society, working together with a will, not only to make our schools better but to make them best.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,
GEORGE C. TURNER,
MARY E. CURTIS,

School Committee of Norwell.

Expenditures.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the winter term, 1908, but chargeable to the appropriation of 1907.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Albion B. Lewis	\$270 00
Edna C. Cullis	150 00
Prudence Curtiss	90 00
Margaret E. Marshall	45 00
Martha C. Scully	110 00
A. Edith Varney	110 00
Julia E. Neeley	120 00
Marion G. Merritt	100 00
Eva S. Burns	100 00
Maria W. Tolman	100 00
A. Gertrude Jones	35 00
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	\$1,230 00

SUPERVISION.

Charles A. Harris	\$110 00
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TRANSPORTATION.

Mrs. E. L. Loring	\$288 00	
John F. Osborne	192 00	
John Whalen	72 00	
L. F. Hammond	192 00	
J. L. Litchfield	168 00	
Arthur Hammond, transportation of sick pupils	1 00	
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CARE OF ROOMS.

L. F. Hammond, High School	\$60 00	
N. P. Tisdale, Dist. No. 1	10 00	
E. W. French, Dist. No. 5	20 00	
F. L. Thomas, Dist. 6	15 00	
W. C. Tolman, Dist. No. 7	6 50	
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EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE
APPROPRIATION.

For Spring and Fall Terms, 1908.

Albion B. Lewis, principal of the High School	\$270 00	
Elwyn R. Bemis, principal of the High School	380 00	
Margaret E. Marshall, assistant in High School	335 00	
Edna C. Cullis, assistant in High School	150 00	

Irene H. Fielding, assistant in High School	\$180 00
Martha C. Scully, No. 1 Grammar	308 00
Alice Griggs, No. 1 Primary	132 00
A. Edith Varney, No. 1 Primary	176 00
Julia A. Neeley, No. 5 Grammar	144 00
Nancy M. Bucknam, No. 5 Grammar	192 00
Marion G. Merritt, No. 5 Primary	280 00
Eva S. Burns, No. 6 Mixed	280 00
Maria W. Tolman, No. 7 Primary	280 00
A. Gertrude Jones, Drawing teacher	40 00
Bertha M. Tilden, Drawing teacher	50 00
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	\$3,197 00

CARE OF ROOMS.

L. F. Hammond, High School	\$140 00
N. P. Tisdale, Dist. No. 1	20 00
E. W. French, Dist. No. 5	42 00
F. L. Thomas, Dist. No. 6	42 00
W. C. Tolman, Dist. No. 7	9 00
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	\$253 00

SUPERINTENDENT.

Received from State	\$250 00	
Town appropriation	250 00	
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		\$500 00
Paid James S. Hayes		325 00
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		\$175 00

CLEANING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Mrs. E. C. Jones, Dist. No. 1	\$12 00
Mrs. H. E. Randall, Dist. Nos. 5 and 6	16 00
Mrs. E. L. Winslow, Dist. No. 7	6 00

\$34 00

FUEL AND FITTING.

C. A. Brett, coal	\$127 00
T. C. Sampson, wood, as per contract	13 00
E. E. Jacobs, wood, as per contract	24 49
Jesse Reed, wood, as per contract	23 75
Harry G. Pinson, wood, as per contract	14 15
H. A. Turner & Sons, wood	2 00
A. C. Sylvester, housing wood, Nos. 5 & 6	4 00
W. D. Turner, wood and measuring	7 50
W. H. Briggs, sawing wood, Nos. 5 and 6	8 00
G. C. Turner, cash paid for sawing wood	3 00
M. G. Howland, housing wood, No. 7	1 50
Edwin L. Loring, labor on wood, No. 1	10 00
F. L. Temple, sawing wood	5 00

\$243 39

TRANSPORTATION.

Mrs. E. L. Loring	\$504 00
John F. Osborne	448 00
L. F. Hammond	448 00
J. L. Litchfield	420 00
George F. Hatch	2 00
L. F. Hammond, transportation of sick pupils	75

D. R. Ewell, transportation of sick pupils	\$1 00
Capt. C. E. Curtis, transportation of sick pupils	2 00
John Whalen	252 00
C. E. Brewster	15 00
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	\$2,092 75

HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

Unexpended balance from last year	\$244 98
Received from State	500 00
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	\$744 98

A. B. Lewis, teaching High School	\$100 00
D. C. Heath & Co., books and supplies	65 24
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., apparatus	49 05
Oliver Ditson Co., music	10 78
Mrs. L. C. Stoddard, teaching music	36 00
Mrs. W. T. Osborn, pianist	6 00
American Book Co., books and supplies	46 29
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books and supplies	1 23
E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	58 11
Ginn & Co., books and supplies	43 49
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	\$328 79

BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The Douglas, Crawford Press, printing	\$ 1 65
Carrie M. Ford, printing	16 25
Samuel Ward Co., diplomas	5 00

Milton, Bradley Co., drawing materials	\$19 29
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., books	2 10
Silver, Burdett Co., books	7 85
E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	165 82
Ginn & Co., books and supplies	12 03
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., supplies	7 86

\$237 85

INCIDENTALS.

C. A. Harris, expense in securing teachers, postage and telephoning	\$ 7 35
H. S. Merritt, labor and material at Dists. No. 1, 5, 6 and High School	54 70
J. B. Whitman, tuning piano	2 50
Ernest L. Merritt, labor at High School	50
Geo. C. Turner, expenses in hiring teachers	2 69
P. McNicol, cleaning vaults	8 00
H. B. Merritt, labor on flagpole at No. 5	1 00
Alice Griggs, supplies for No. 1	1 18
Charles H. Baker, labor at No. 1	2 00
N. Y. & Boston Ex., expressing	16 85
Wm. H. Spencer, materials and labor on stoves	19 00
D. W. Ross, labor on piano, High School	1 00
M. E. Curtis, expenses in hiring teacher, ribbon for diplomas, postage and telephoning	9 73
C. A. Bruce, labor at church for graduating exercises	2 50
C. L. Rice & Co., supplies for High School	11 25
Alonzo W. Osborne, shingles	60 00

Levi N. Osborne, mason work at High School	\$5 25
L. F. Hammond, grading at No. 5 and High School	34 50
W. W. Wade, tuning piano	2 00
Milton Bancroft, carrying water	1 00
Jesse B. Winslow, cleaning vaults	2 50
Mann & Co., repairs at High School	3 00
Geo. F. Welch, lumber	11 54
Geo. A. Turner, materials and labor at No. 1	31 75
J. F. Turner, materials and labor at No. 5 and High School	12 50
American Seating Co., desks and chairs	53 25
Edwin W. French, repairing clock	1 00
Frank L. Thomas, carting water	1 00
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	16 80
J. H. Lehan, painting and glazing	34 35
S. W. Baker, repairing clock	1 00
H. J. Tolman, materials and labor at No. 72	85
N. M. Bucknam, supplies for No. 5	51
Hall & Torrey, supplies for High School	2 70
Curtis & Bates, supplies	3 05
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	\$420 80

AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PRESENT YEAR.

Town appropriation	\$6,500 00
Dog tax	365 11
State Board of Charity	226 50
State School Fund	1,229 99
Received from State on account of teachers' salaries	166 67

Received from High School Improvement League	\$1 00
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	\$8,489 27
Amount expended	6,728 79
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	\$1,760 48
Expenses to April, estimated,	\$1,800 00
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Deficit	\$39 52

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find vouchers for all amounts paid.

FRANK W. JONES,
Auditor.

Norwell, Mass., Jan. 16, 1909.

ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

SCHOOLS	WINTER TERM, 1908				SPRING TERM, 1908				FALL TERM, 1908			
	Number Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Number Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Number Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance
No. 1 Primary	49	47.4	44.5	.94	50	44.4	41.4	.93	38	33.55	31.95	.95
No. 1 Grammar	33	22.11	20.57	.93	22	22	20.73	.94	32	31.32	30.04	.95
No. 5 Primary	33	31.45	28.04	.89	34	32.39	30.73	.94	32	27.84	25.87	.93
No. 5 Grammar	38	37.9	33.6	.88	38	36.5	33.6	.92	35	32.7	30.83	.94
No. 6 Mixed	22	22.	19.2	.87	24	23.6	22.06	.93	35	31.5	29.38	.93
No. 7 Primary	21	19.46	17.18	.88	22	20.15	18.36	.91	25	23.4	22.6	.96
High School	61	58.3	56.6	.97	58	54.6	52.3	.95	62	60.25	58.5	.97

Norwell Public Schools.

PUPILS NOT ABSENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Ruth Tolman	Seth Thomas
Walter McKenzie	Alfred Bates
Herbert Lincoln	Edgar Ellms
Annie Olson	Helen Farrar
Ralph Lambert	Elmer Leavitt
Lena Leslie	William Leslie
Dorothy Litchfield	Mildred Litchfield
Mildred Mott	Harold Turner

NOT ABSENT FOR TWO TERMS.

George Morton	Louise Whiting
Elizabeth Lee	Alberta Chamberlain
Frederick Lee	Dorothy Turner
Frank Tate	Francis Leslie
Margaret Tolman	Fred Olson
Lillian Ford	Alma Litchfield
Lawrence Soule	Russell Olson
Mary Ryan	Lawrence Prouty
Albert Perry	Daisy Peckham
Arthur Osborn	Mae Collamore
Floyd Osborn	Gertrude Leslie
Ella Osborne	Lawrence Turner

Clarence Winslow
 Helen Litchfield
 Florence Williams
 Edna Farrar
 Ethel Soule
 Levi Olson
 Howard Corbett
 Minnie Fatooshe

Nettie Jacobs
 Ethel Stetson
 Lucy Williams
 Edwin Osborne
 Evelyn Ford
 Robert Leavitt, Jr.
 Francis Damon

NOT ABSENT FOR ONE TERM.

Ruth Kidder
 Grace Sproul
 Mildred Appleford
 Stanley Winslow
 Blanche Pincin
 Miriam Ford
 Elizabeth Corthell
 Sara Monk
 Wilson Morrill
 Clyde Phipps
 Julius Scharks
 Grace Farrar
 Edward Peckham
 Rosetta Keene
 Grace Morrill
 Irving Wilder
 Bertha Campbell
 Stewart Bowker
 Harriet Leach
 Alice Wadsworth
 John Osborne
 Samuel Turner
 John Burns

George Williamson
 Milton Bancroft
 Carl Monk
 Harry Monahan
 Maizie Dyer
 Harold Monk
 Roy Joseph
 Irving Corbett
 Ashley Jones
 Amy Prouty
 Hazel Damon
 Wesley Osborne
 Lloyd Prouty
 Florence Merritt
 Alice Parry
 Dora Black
 Nellie Baker
 Emily Burns
 Blanche Livingstone
 Alice Farrar
 Ethel Tolman
 Willie Williams
 Mildred Hatch

Esther Wetherby
Gertrude Bancroft
Ruth Bancroft
Hazel Leavitt
Lawrence Osborne
Lawson Griffin
Allen Thompson
James Eli
Edward Roberts
Clement Ross

Edwin Damon
Clarence Pratt
Otto Olson
Marie Olson
Bessie Bent
Lucile Jones
Harley Woodward
Etta Roberts
Newell Roberts
Eugene Roberts

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Norwell :

I submit my first annual report.

My duties began in this district April 13, 1908, one third of my time to be given to each town.

The superintendent's place is in the school room, and I have been in the schools regularly, observing, criticising, suggesting. On account of the distance which some of the teachers would have to travel, no general teachers' meetings were held. However, they have been instructed what to do, and how to do it, as circumstances warranted. Tests have been given frequently in the schools, and points of strength and weakness shown; some weaknesses which the teachers did not realize; work has been given along lines that will continue the strength, and lead to a correction of such weaknesses as have appeared. Drill, drill, drill, will be the policy for the year.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

“Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required; if he fails for five day sessions or ten-half day sessions within any period of six

months while under such control to cause such child—so to attend school, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.” (Sec. 1, Chap. 44 Revised Statutes.)

I wish to call the attention of parents to the above extract from the school laws. Some of our children do not attend school as this law says they shall. Such children lose rapidly, and then incur a distaste for school work; sometimes the parents are too indulgent, and allow their children to stay at home on the slightest pretext; they may be sorry later.

Some parents tell how “smart” their boys, or girls, are in certain lines, but remember parents, that with that natural ability plus an education, they would be many times “smarter.” Let us see if we cannot live nearer to the meaning of the law during the coming year.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ROOMS.

I wish to make a general comment on the above topic:

Our children stay five or six hours each day in the school room. Should not the school room be as attractive as possible for them? The effort shown by some of our teachers to make the rooms attractive and homelike is commendable. Teachers have very little extra money, so should not be asked to go to any expense for furnishings, still, our rooms would be brighter, could we decorate the walls with some good pictures.

A cheerful spirit prevails in most of our class rooms and our children are pleased to be there. Here the pupil rises promptly on being called, stands on both feet in the aisle at the right side of his desk, and gives his answer in a decided manner. In such rooms the teachers do not call on the few pupils who seem to know, but direct their questions wisely, making problems suited to the ability of the duller pupils.

Teachers should not fail to give due praise to pupils for good work. Phillips Brooks says, "To say 'Well done!' to any bit of work that has embodied good effort is to take hold of the powers which have made the effort, and confirm and strengthen them. But if you have nothing to say to your child, or your scholar, except (what may be perfectly true), that much of his work is badly done, then you are coming to him not to fulfil, but to destroy."

Some of our teachers allow the pupils to read from the front of the room, thus speaking directly to the rest of the class as an audience. In this way the pupil feels he has something of importance to communicate, and becomes more self-reliant. Guard against taking the attention of the other pupils from their work.

Home study should be asked for in the upper grades, and parents should co-operate with the teachers in the work.

Parents are invited to visit the schools, meet the teachers, and mutually support each other in the effort to make school life more attractive and harmonious, and thus assist the "making" of our future citizens.

It has been necessary to revise the course of study to meet the requirements in some schools. Building slowly and surely is the wisest way.

We should have a regular course in music, and a special teacher to direct it. Nothing adds greater zest than some good music and we are surely losing something by not having it as a part of our regular course in the elementary schools; we have a supervisor in the High schools.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The progress of our school was halted somewhat by the loss of the principal and first assistant who concluded their services in June. To succeed a popular teacher and attempt to carry out his policies, or replace them with new ones, is not an easy matter, and needs the full co-operation

of the teachers and entire student body. I believe that the educational part is being carried along on the same plane to which it was raised a few years ago.

However skilful the teachings, or carefully graded the course of study, the child always experiences a painful struggle when he passes from the grades to the High school. The latter institution usually blames the grammar teachers because the child is ill-prepared and this attitude serves to widen the breach. The pupil may have covered the ground laid out by the course of study, and still be little fitted to meet the requirements of business life, or to cope with unfamiliar studies and methods of the High school. There are certain things which the grammar school teacher should insist on for the good of the pupil. She must be sure that they know how to study and use their minds with concentration.

The influence of too many teacher does not extend beyond the school room door, and when the pupil reaches the High school where the personal influence of the teacher is necessarily less powerful, he shows the effects of the change. Here is the place for some assistance from the senior and junior class leaders. As so many children pick out their ideal in one of their schoolmates, the character and bearing of such an one should be above reproach ; therefore the upper classes should show by their efforts that they are doing all in their power to assist in making their school better, and their followers in the lower classes will unconsciously follow in their footsteps. Should the assistance be negative, it will not take long to notice the marked effect upon the school. Where a good, healthy school spirit is lacking, the work of the teachers and pupils becomes burdensome and decay follows.

October 15, 1908, we received a visit from Mr. McDonald, agent of Board of Education. He observed, examined and criticised ; he suggested teaching along such lines as will make the pupils practical.

On the whole, I believe he found the conditions as good as the average country High school.

TEACHERS.

The present corps of teachers is doing satisfactory work in many ways, but more energy is needed to take the pupils out of that slowness, which seems to have fallen upon many of them like a mantle.

Educational papers and books should form a part of the reading material of every teacher, and it should be her pride to be able to say that she has read and digested one new book each year. Various devices are found in the periodical magazines which can be used to good advantage in our schools, and which, if used rightly, stimulates the mental activity of the pupils.

No teacher is seriously handicapped by having too many pupils in her room this year, and consequently we look for a greater advance in amount and value of work to be done.

Teachers have done good work in carefully observing their pupils, and noticing signs of illness; in such cases the children have been sent to see the Medical Inspector, or to their homes, where in some cases, the physician was called. Parents would do well to co-operate with the teachers and inspector in this work, as prompt effort is necessary that no contagious diseases get a foothold in our schools.

In conclusion I wish to thank the committee and teachers for their assistance, loyalty, and support.

JAMES S. HAYES.

Appendix.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL, UNITARIAN CHURCH, JUNE SEVENTEENTH, 1908

Motto: "Deeds Not Words."

PROGRAM.

Prayer	Rev. Edville Roys
Song—"Morning Invitation"	High School
Salutatory and Essay— "Shakespeare's Jew, Shylock"	Winifred M. Hunt
Prophecy	Carrie E. Barrell
Solo—Selected	Mrs. Stoddard
Essay—"Theodore Roosevelt"	Stewart R. Bowker
Class History	Aleida Wilder
Solo—Selected	Mrs. Stoddard
Valedictory and Essay— "Joan of Arc"	Gertrude E. Brooks
Song—"Daffodils"	High School
Presentation of Diplomas	
Benediction	Rev. Edville Roys

GRADUATES

Gertrude Estelle Brooks

Aleida Wilder

Winifred Morton Hunt

Carrie Evelyn Barrell

Stewart Rufus Bowker

TEACHERS.

Principal

Assistants

Mr. A. B. Lewis

Miss Edna Cullis

Miss Margaret Marshall





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